

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Noriyoshi MASUDA, et al.

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SERIAL NO: New U.S. Application

EXAMINER:

FILED: Herewith

FOR: OLIGONUCLEOTIDES AND METHOD FOR CHARACTERIZING AND DETECTING GENOGROUP II TYPE SMALL ROUND STRUCTURED VIRUS

REQUEST FOR PRIORITY

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SIR:

Full benefit of the filing date of U.S. Application Serial Number 09/989,002, filed November 21, 2001, is claimed pursuant to the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §120.

Full benefit of the filing date(s) of U.S. Provisional Application(s) is claimed pursuant to the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §119(e). Application No. Date Filed

Applicants claim any right to priority from any earlier filed applications to which they may be entitled pursuant to the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §119, as noted below.

In the matter of the above-identified application for patent, notice is hereby given that the applicants claim as priority:

<u>COUNTRY</u>	<u>APPLICATION NUMBER</u>	<u>MONTH/DAY/YEAR</u>
Japan	2000-359482	November 21, 2000
Japan	2001-020231	January 29, 2001

Certified copies of the corresponding Convention Application(s)

are submitted herewith

will be submitted prior to payment of the Final Fee

were filed in prior application Serial No. 09/989,002 filed November 21, 2001

were submitted to the International Bureau in PCT Application Number Receipt of the certified copies by the International Bureau in a timely manner under PCT Rule 17.1(a) has been acknowledged as evidenced by the attached PCT/IB/304.

(A) Application Serial No.(s) were filed in prior application Serial No. filed ; and

(B) Application Serial No.(s)
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